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Saskatchewan Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation

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Our Mission

Saskatchewan and its people enjoy a rich cultural identity, reflected in its history, artistic, athletic, and natural heritage and multicultural mosaic.

The department is entrusted with preserving, developing and enhancing our cultural resources while recognizing Saskatchewan's unique geographic and demographic diversity and strong volunteer tradition.

The mission of the department is to create an environment in which society values and benefits from sport, heritage, multiculturalism, immigration, recreation and the arts.

The department strives to achieve this through:

- *Dedication to preserving our heritage, cultural traditions and enhancing the quality of life in Saskatchewan.*
- *Commitment to providing access to a rich diversity of artistic, athletic, heritage and multicultural experiences and opportunities.*
- *Appropriate communication programs and services to ensure the public is informed about the department.*
- *Providing leadership; and consultative, developmental and educational services.*

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Minister's Transmittal

To Her Honour,
The Honourable Sylvia O. Fedoruk, OC, SOM
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

Madam:

I have the honor to submit the Annual Report of Saskatchewan Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation for the year ending March 31, 1990.

On October 3, 1989, Saskatchewan Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation was established from reorganization of the former Saskatchewan Parks, Recreation and Culture.

The year under review was characterized by consultations between the department and the public to address concerns and help determine future direction of the department's mandate in the areas of the arts, sport, recreation, heritage, multiculturalism and immigration.

The Arts Strategy Task Force, for example, was established to review the arts in Saskatchewan via public hearings involving interest groups and individuals from all arts disciplines.

The Minister's Committee on Multiculturalism delivered its report, which provides a number of recommendations based on extensive public meetings that took place last year with the multicultural community.

Based on major public consultation with regard to the future direction of the province's heritage, ***Heritage 2000***, a strategy document was prepared. As well, the Saskatchewan Heritage Round Table was established to provide a forum for government and non-government organizations to discuss Saskatchewan heritage matters.

A lengthy consultation process with interest groups resulted in the publishing of a Museum Policy for Saskatchewan this year. Its strategy will guide the support and development of museums over the next 10 years.

As well this year, the department produced the Northern Strategy for ***Sport, Culture and Recreation - Direction for the 90s*** after receiving extensive public input from interested individuals and groups in northern Saskatchewan. The strategy will direct the department in meeting northern needs during the next decade.

The year was one of triumph and tragedy for the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History. The new Earth Sciences Gallery on the museum's lower level opened on June 23, 1989, providing a stimulating and attractive display of the province's geological history. Then, on February 16, 1990, a fire caused extensive smoke damage throughout the museum, necessitating closure for restoration and repair. Thanks to the hard, dedicated work of museum staff, we expect the museum to re-open in June, 1990.

In 1989, the department facilitated the establishment of SaskFilm, the provincial film funding agency. Over the next three years this agency will inject, through a loan fund, $2.5 million into Saskatchewan film projects.

A new emphasis has been placed on immigration this year. This addition to the department's mandate will allow us to actively encourage immigration to the province and to ensure that immigrants are assisted in adapting to life once they are here.

The arts, sport, recreation and heritage in Saskatchewan will continue to grow and flourish with support from Saskatchewan Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation. We are committed to promoting participation by Saskatchewan people at all levels and to fostering the growth of these sectors within the provincial economy.

Respectfully submitted,

Beattie Martin

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Minister

Deputy Minister's Transmittal

To the Honourable Beattie Martin
Minister
Saskatchewan Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation

Sir:

I respectfully submit herewith the 1989/90 Annual Report of Saskatchewan Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation.

With the establishment of this department in October 1989 and some reorganization, department employees at all levels have put forth extra effort to ensure the successful undertaking of the department's mandate. As a team, they have developed a strong corporate strategy and direction for the department as stated in our Mission: "to create an environment in which society values and benefits from sport, heritage, multiculturalism, immigration, recreation and the arts."

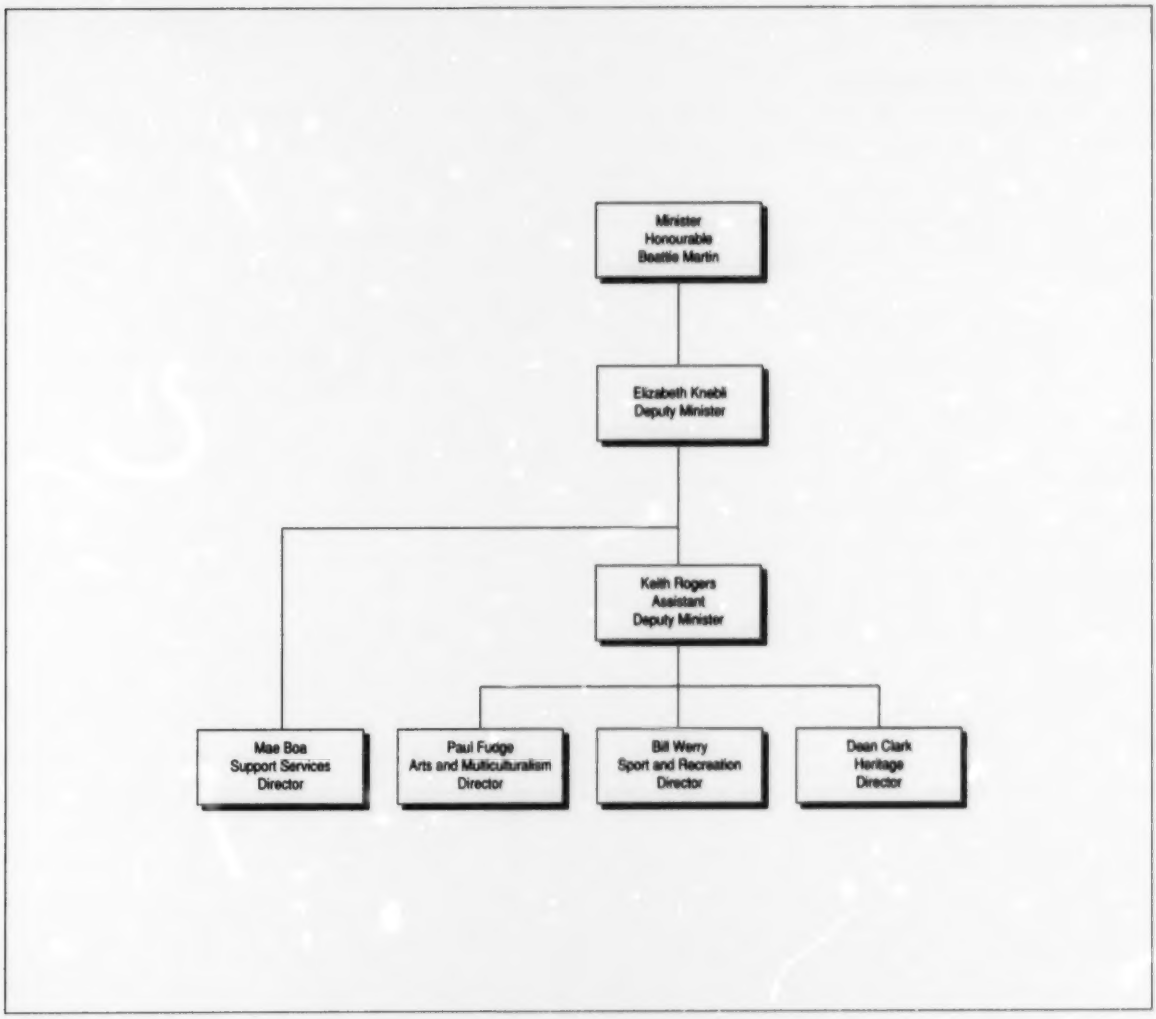
Commitment to maintaining and enhancing service to client groups while improving efficiencies were also priorities of personnel throughout the department.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Knebli
Deputy Minister

Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation

Organizational Chart



Arts and Multiculturalism

Arts and Multiculturalism

It has been said that the culture of a civilization has a larger impact on how that society is remembered in the annals of history than any other single element. The activities carried out by the Arts and Multiculturalism Branch serve to promote and advance the development of culture, multiculturalism, the arts and cultural industries in the province of Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan residents benefit both socially and economically from the performing, visual and literary arts. The department provides program delivery, organizational development and consultative support to cultural organizations at the local, regional and provincial levels.

Arts

Arts projects focus on performing, visual and literary art disciplines as well as cultural industries. The Arts and Multiculturalism Branch acts as a catalyst for arts development in the province with the professional and volunteer sectors; interprets and develops policy on federal arts issues; and provides information from government to the arts community.

Arts Strategy Task Force

The Arts Strategy Task Force was established to review all aspects of the arts in Saskatchewan. Members include people recommended by arts organizations in the province. The Task Force has scheduled a series of public hearings for interested individuals, groups and agencies from all arts disciplines, as well as other concerned agencies and organizations. Its report will be presented to the Minister in December 1990. The report and subsequent public consultation will be used to formulate policy and direction for the department over the next decade.

Cultural Assistance Program

The Cultural Assistance Program provides assistance to arts, multicultural and heritage organizations to conduct workshops that facilitate skill development and organizational development. Seventy-seven applicants received $69,145 in assistance during the year.

International Exchange Program

The International Exchange Program enhances and promotes the cultural activities undertaken as a result of the twinning agreement between Saskatchewan and Jilin province in China. A photographer was contracted to document the rich tapestry of cultural life in Saskatchewan. The photographic collection was presented to Jilin. Research started on the cultural and historical context of a collection of contemporary folk art paintings received from Jilin. In addition, development work was initiated and supported for a proposed television special featuring the Young Farmers Exchange Program undertaken by Saskatchewan and Jilin.

Provincial Cultural Organization Development Program

Financial assistance and consulting services are provided to emerging cultural organizations that demonstrate the potential for delivering province-wide programs. Basic administrative functions rather than programs are supported. The department provided $9,000 to assist the Seniors' University Group and the Saskatchewan Publishers' Group.

Resident Artist Program

Selected provincial cultural organizations sponsored professional artists to work in Saskatchewan communities through the Resident Artist Program. The department provided $110,000 to six residencies to support artists who devote half their time to community artistic development and the other half to their own creative work. Artists in residence were located at Gravelbourg, Macklin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Yorkton and Melfort.

Special Assistance Program

Assistance in the amount of $20,000 was provided to 10 organizations requiring support to undertake significant provincial cultural events or projects. Timely and challenging projects were funded, such as the Saskatchewan Sound Recording Industry provincial workshop on manufacturing and marketing Saskatchewan recordings.

Saskatchewan Express

Saskatchewan Express, a summer touring group of singers, dancers and musicians, performed at fairs, exhibitions and celebrations throughout the province. Highlights of the tour were representing the province at the Canada Summer Games in Saskatoon; performing for the Duke and Duchess of York; and the Big Valley Jamboree in Craven.

The troupe travelled out of province for appearances in Vermillion and Vegreville, Alberta, with a special performance in the West Edmonton Mall.

The 1989 edition of Saskatchewan Express performed for 75,000 people, staged more than 70 performances and travelled 8,000 kilometres.

Cultural Industries

Culture and the arts have a strong economic impact in Saskatchewan, injecting $280 million into the economy annually. They are growth industries that employ some 10,000 people in the province. The department is committed to developing and promoting a strong cultural industry that will contribute to the economy and the quality of life in the province.

Saskatchewan Film Development Project

The Saskatchewan Film Development Project is a co-operative venture between the department and the National Film Board which fosters the development of a viable film industry in the province and provides

educational opportunities to local film-makers. The first production under the agreement, "The Great Electrical Revolution", a half-hour television drama, was completed with a total of 123 people participating in workshops and seminars held in conjunction with the project. Seventeen of these people were sponsored directly on the production, and 51 of the 64 crew members were from Saskatchewan.

SaskFilm

The department facilitated the establishment of SaskFilm in December 1989 as the provincial film funding agency. A $2.5-million loan fund was allocated over a three-year period to provide non-interest bearing loans towards the development phase of qualified film projects.

In addition, the department established the Locations Program to assist SaskFilm to attract film-makers from throughout Canada, the United States and the world, to use Saskatchewan as a film location.

Zone Services

The department maintains seven full-time arts and multicultural consultants in zone offices throughout the province.

The mandate of the Zone Services is to promote the development of cultural structures at the community, regional and provincial levels; provide mechanisms for rural-based clients to communicate on cultural issues and trends, and provide facilitative and organizational development skills to cultural organizations.

During the year, zone staff were involved in a number of community projects, including:

- "Artbeat" dialogue forums
- Resident Artist Program review committees
- "Arts Partnership" project
- Film locations development liaison
- "Cultural Development" handbook
- Organization development workshops

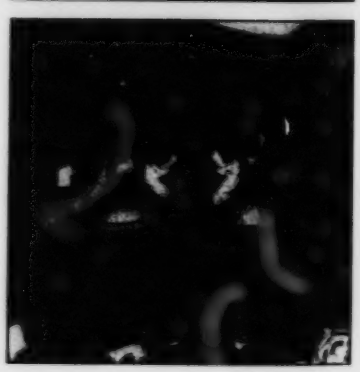
Multiculturalism and Immigration

Together, Saskatchewan's people form a rich tapestry combining many ethnic backgrounds. Multiculturalism is celebrated throughout the province, and the department encourages and supports the province's diverse cultural mixture and intercultural understanding.

During the year, planning was undertaken to include immigration within a new branch, Multiculturalism and Immigration Services, on April 1, 1990. The department promotes immigration to Saskatchewan and helps retain immigrants in the province by supporting programs to assist them adapt to life in Saskatchewan.

Task Force Report and Recommendations

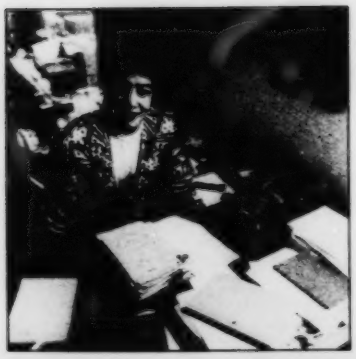
The report, ***Multiculturalism in Saskatchewan*** is the culmination of extensive public dialogue on multiculturalism that took place in 10 centres throughout Saskatchewan. It was presented to the Minister's Committee on Multiculturalism at a news conference on October 30, 1989. This report by the Task Force on Multiculturalism contains 67



recommendations addressing multicultural issues and concerns. The department distributed 3,000 reports and received 41 responses from recipients. Topics most frequently mentioned were education, intercultural relations and heritage languages.

Enniskillen Project

As part of a project initiated by the Canadian High Commission, two students from Northern Ireland visited Saskatchewan in August 1989. While here, the young people lived with Irish-Canadian families and participated in a variety of cultural and multicultural activities. They met a broad cross-section of young people from various ethnic backgrounds.



Immigrant Settlement Assistance Program

The Immigrant Settlement Assistance Program provided grants totalling $94,000 to the Regina, Saskatoon and Yorkton Open Door Societies and the Prince Albert Multicultural Council to co-ordinate volunteer activities and programs designed to meet the needs of recent immigrants and refugees.

Heritage Language Program

During the year, 85 ethnocultural organizations received $84,730 to provide language instruction not available through regular education channels to 2,510 students in any one of 25 languages. Languages taught included German, Ukrainian, Spanish, Urdu, Tigrina, Vietnamese, Japanese, Mandarin and Cantonese. The department provided special $3,000 grants to the Saskatoon Multilingual School and the Multilingual Association of Regina to co-ordinate, administer and support their heritage language programs.

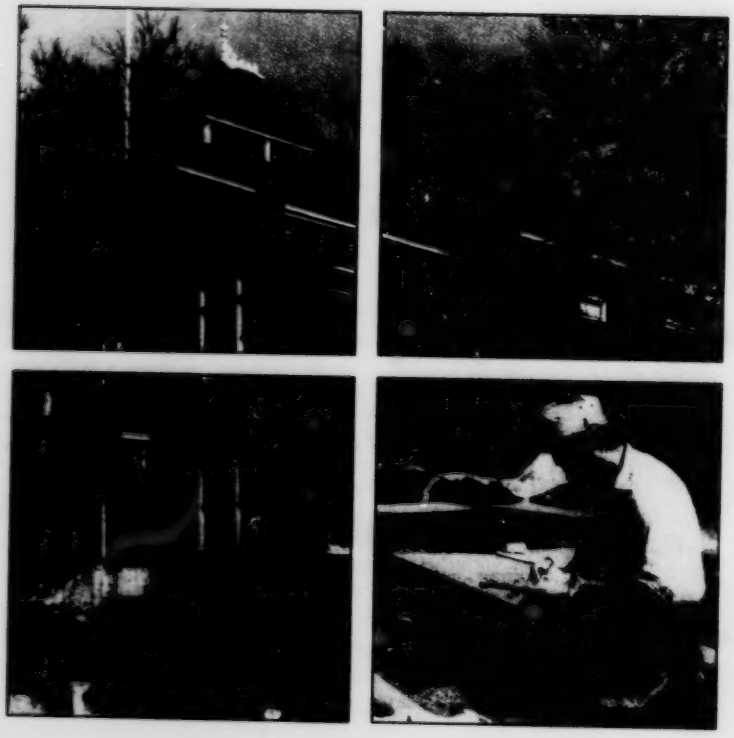
Summer Language Immersion Program

The department provided financial assistance totalling $19,850 to organizations offering summer language immersion camp programs. Six ethnocultural organizations offered French and Ukrainian to 391 students.

Resource Development

The department provided financial assistance to three organizations to develop resource materials. The White City Optimist Club, in co-operation with White City School, developed curriculum for teaching Mandarin in the school. The ***Student's Visual Workbook No. 4*** was produced by the Saskatchewan Organization for Heritage Languages for heritage language instruction in Northern Saskatchewan. As well, the Saskatchewan Association for Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies produced ***The Newcomer's Guide to Saskatchewan*** to assist recent immigrants in the settlement process.

Heritage



Heritage

A great portion of the rich and dynamic culture of Saskatchewan people is inherited from the past. Knowledge of the prehistoric and historic legacies of man and nature and their interaction help us better understand the intricacies of today's civilization.

The mission of the Heritage Branch is to manage, interpret and assist in developing the province's heritage resources so that Saskatchewan's citizens benefit socially and economically from their heritage sites and objects.

The department administers ***The Heritage Property Act*** and operates the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History and Government House.

Heritage Resources

Heritage 2000

The ***Heritage 2000*** strategy document was released in February 1990. It followed a major public consultation process held by the department during the year to develop a strategy for the province's heritage programs. The paper discusses four future directions for the province's heritage: 1) continued conservation and management efforts; 2) greater opportunities for use, enjoyment and understanding of heritage resources; 3) the development of heritage tourism attractions; and 4) the creation of new investment instruments, specifically the establishment of a Heritage Foundation.

Archaeological Burials Policy

A comprehensive policy for managing archaeological burials in Saskatchewan was initiated during the year. A discussion paper, ***The Management of Archaeological Burials in Saskatchewan: A Discussion Paper***, containing several policy proposals, was drafted. The department circulated the paper to interest groups, the native community, government departments and professional organizations in 1989/90. After further consultation, a draft policy will be prepared in 1991. Further consultation on the draft will result in a final policy.

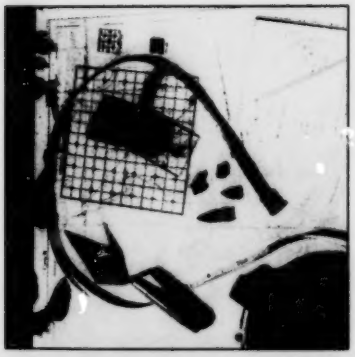
The objective of the proposed policy is to enable the department to deal effectively with native burial grounds that are discovered by accident.

Heritage Industry Assessment

The department undertook an economic impact assessment of the province's heritage industry. This study focused on the importance to the provincial economy of heritage tourism, museum and site operations and associated employment. A report will be released during 1990/91.

Heritage Tourism Studies

In the interests of fostering heritage tourism, the department provided grants for two feasibility studies and a community development program. Estevan received funds to explore the feasibility of building an interpretive centre focused on the evolution of the energy industry. The town of Eastend received funding to investigate the feasibility of constructing a palaeontological interpretive centre. A grant was also provided to Heritage North, a non-profit organization in La Ronge, whose mission is to increase community awareness of and activity in heritage resource management and development in northern



Saskatchewan. The grant is being used to plan and host a conference on northern heritage in September 1990.

Saskatchewan Heritage Round Table

The department initiated the Saskatchewan Heritage Round Table which held its first meeting in February 1990. This forum brings together the major government and non-government organizations concerned with Saskatchewan's heritage to discuss issues of mutual interest. The Heritage Round Table will meet at least twice a year.

Archaeology

The archaeology program continued regulatory and resource management activities including land development review, investigation permits, inventory maintenance and development, site designation research, research grant administration and consultation. Limited archaeological field work was also carried out.

In 1989/90, the department reviewed and issued 73 permits to investigate archaeological and vertebrate palaeontological resources in Saskatchewan. While most were impact assessments or mitigation studies relating to land development, a number of professional and avocational research projects were also carried out.

Some 250 land use proposals, including oil and gas developments, mines, new subdivisions, electrical transmission lines, forest harvesting, and agricultural Crown land sales were reviewed to determine their potential effect on heritage resources. The need for a proponent-sponsored impact assessment study or other protective action was identified in 141 cases.

In-house impact assessment-mitigation services to private landowners and small-scale developers also continued. The department conducted 51 field projects, involving the documentation and assessment of 111 new archaeological sites.

Over 590 new records were added to the Provincial Archaeological Resource Inventory in 1989/90, which now holds information on almost 11,000 sites. Inventory computerization proceeded to the point where more than three-quarters of the archaeological resource records were entered in a data base.

Steps toward provincial designation of the Swift Current Petroglyph were taken in 1989. The site is an outstanding example of prehistoric "rock art", one of five petroglyphs in Saskatchewan with multiple carvings still in their original, undisturbed location. Provincial designation will recognize the site's archaeological significance, ensure its long-term preservation, and provide opportunities for co-operative resource and tourism development.

A major planning report, designed to ensure consideration of heritage resources when evaluating water management and development practices, was completed for the ***Canada-Saskatchewan South Saskatchewan River Basin Study***. The report focuses on where archaeological and palaeontological sites are likely to occur within the basin, and to what extent they may be adversely affected by development.

History and Grants

In co-operation with private property owners and municipal councils, the History and Grants Program offers historic site identification, designation, heritage information management and restoration services throughout the province.

Each year more communities become involved with developing Saskatchewan's heritage resources. During the nine years since ***The Heritage Property Act*** was proclaimed, 275 urban and rural municipal councils have passed bylaws relating to heritage property. The initial interest generally comes from the property owner who requests official designation of a local historic building as Municipal Heritage Property. In 1989/90, designations increased by 24 to a total of 485. They included the following noteworthy sites: Arrand Block Apartments in Saskatoon; Royal Bank in Dysart; Gravelbourg and Rosthern Post Offices; Hudson Bay Library; Elk Block in Moose Jaw; Ogema Fire Hall; Powell Residence in Weyburn; former Land Titles Office in Yorkton; and St. Demetrius Romanian Greek Orthodox Church in the RM of Preeceville.

The province designates sites of major provincial importance as Provincial Heritage Properties. Over the past year, Notices of Intention to Designate were issued for three historic sites: Claybank Brick Plant (built in 1916, it is the most intact historic brick plant in Saskatchewan); Prince Albert's 1894 Town Hall/Opera House (the oldest such building in the province); and Melville's Town Hall/Opera House (a structure of exceptional architectural design).

The department carried out in-depth research studies on Saskatchewan's masonry post offices and on Land Titles buildings in Saskatchewan.

Through the Heritage Grant Program, 49 owners of Designated Municipal and Provincial Heritage Properties received over $200,000 in grant assistance to restore numerous structures. Property owners matched this provincial investment with over $2.3 million of their own funds, for a total of $2.5 million in local construction employment and the purchase of materials. Buildings renovated and restored included libraries, banks, residences, restaurants and barns.

Financial assistance was also provided to research and interpretation projects in the fields of history, archaeology and historic architecture. More than $97,000 in grants were awarded to 37 projects, including:

- Inventory of selected heritage buildings in Saskatoon and Yorkton
- History of Chief Ahtahkakoop and his people
- Publication of a pictorial history of the British Commonwealth Air Training Program
- Excavation of the Below Forks Archaeological Site near Kinistino
- Excavation of the Eagle Creek Archaeological Site near Harris
- The erection of 13 historic markers

Saskatchewan Heritage Day

On Saskatchewan Heritage Day, February 19, 1990, the department unveiled a special poster depicting Regina's Northern Bank Building which was designated a provincial heritage property. The poster was co-sponsored by the department, the building owner and the Saskatchewan Association of Architects. It was distributed to schools across the province to instill a greater awareness among students of Saskatchewan's rich heritage resources.

Architecture

The Architectural Resource Planning Program monitors construction development on provincially designated historic buildings and assists owners, engineers and architects in restoring and adapting historic structures for new uses. Promotion of architectural standards under ***The Heritage Property Act*** and help in interpreting building code requirements as they apply to historic buildings are key functions of the program. These services assist developers and professional consultants working on architectural renovation projects. Developers are provided with planning assistance to revitalize historic buildings in the most economic and architecturally acceptable fashion.

Media programming for heritage resource education and communications was a new area developed during the year to raise the profile of heritage resource management both in the province and beyond. Several heritage exhibits were developed in collaboration with other agencies for display around Saskatchewan. They included a joint travelling display developed with the Saskatchewan Association of Architects to promote an awareness of historical resources in the province. A joint display with the Saskatchewan Architectural Heritage Society for the Heritage North Conference in La Ronge depicted architectural and archaeological sites as well as community programs related to heritage resources.

The department encouraged development of fire protection systems in provincially designated buildings. Joint reviews of historic sites were undertaken with the Provincial Fire Commissioner's Office, Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation, municipal authorities and developers. Over 35 municipal, provincial and private construction projects received technical consultations during the year.

Working with professional consultants, the department developed phase two of the five-phase master systems plan for heritage resource management in architecture for Saskatchewan. The plan sets out a framework for identifying and managing the architectural inventory over the next decade. Phase two involves the architectural heritage component, while phase one dealt with the overall framework and archaeological component.

Museum Assistance Program

The department published ***A Museum Policy for Saskatchewan*** during the year which addresses critical issues for the province's

museums in the key areas of collections management, public programming and museum operations. The policy is intended as a framework by which museums, governments and associations can define their roles, target their programs and support, and co-ordinate their efforts to identify and meet needs. The policy also proposes a strategy for museum support and development over the next 10 years which will build on the network of over 200 local, regional and provincial museums.

The department provided consultation on museum issues to museums, municipal governments and other agencies in more than 50 communities. It distributed 12 museum start-up packages and helped plan museum projects in six communities, such as proposals for a Palaeontological museum in Eastend and an energy museum in Estevan.

More than 100 museums received operating grants from a fund of $450,000. The Museums Association of Saskatchewan was provided with a $50,000 grant to assist in developing and delivering training programs for museum workers.

The department continued support to the Saskatchewan Heritage Collections Conservation Committee to develop conservation services for Saskatchewan museums.

The department also participated in the development of a program for automating museum collections and developing a province-wide museum computer network. The Saskatchewan Heritage Inventory Network (SHIN) is the first provincial inventory of its kind in Canada. It is being undertaken in co-operation with the Museum Association of Saskatchewan and the Canadian Heritage Information Network. SHIN will be of value to museum personnel throughout the province for display work and research.

Museum of Natural History

The year 1989/90 was marked by accomplishment and catastrophe at the Museum of Natural History. The new Earth Sciences Gallery was opened on June 23, 1989. The opening of this "state-of-the-art" gallery completed the first of a three-phase Museum redevelopment program. Catastrophe struck on February 16, 1990, when a fire broke out in the First Nations Gallery which was under construction as phase two of the redevelopment. The fire caused extensive smoke damage and had a profound effect on museum operations. As a consequence of the fire, staff were temporarily relocated to Government House and the contents of the building were placed in storage. The Life Sciences Gallery, featuring the popular habitat dioramas, remained closed because of smoke damage to the foregrounds and specimens. Due to this closure, museum visitation declined to 143,358.

Prior to their curtailment due to the fire, school programs included 435 Discovery Room presentations to 5,612 students. The presentations featured five new programs developed to augment the themes of the Earth Sciences Gallery. In addition to the in-house programs, 56 loan kits were distributed to 42 communities through the education extension program.

The museum continued to be a major resource for information about the province for students, special interest groups and the general public. More than 1,600 requests for information on topics ranging from butterflies to preserving photographs were handled by staff and 104 presentations were made at schools, conferences, and Museums Association of Saskatchewan workshops.

Following the opening of the Earth Sciences Gallery, the exhibit staff turned to other redevelopment projects and fire clean-up. Design and exhibit development continued for the Earth Sciences Interactive Gallery and the First Nations Gallery. These galleries are scheduled to open in September 1990 and spring 1992 respectively.

Earth Sciences Unit

A new book about the province's rocks, fossils and resources, ***Geological History of Saskatchewan***, was written by Curator Dr. John Storer. The book, published in November 1989, has sold well and is being used in science classes in schools and universities. The Earth Sciences Unit's active collections and research programs focused on fossils from the Big Muddy, Consul, Eastend, the Frenchman Valley, Herschel, the Killdeer Badlands, Maple Creek, Swift Current and Unity.

Anthropology Unit

Development of the First Nations Gallery dominated the activities of the Anthropology Unit, with a continued high degree of involvement by the Indian community and completion of designs for nine exhibits. Outside of gallery work, the highlight of the year was the transfer of 189 ethnological artifacts from Parks Canada to the Museum. The majority of the objects are from the Battleford area and represent a significant record of the late l9th century native material culture in that region.

Life Sciences Unit

Research continued on Richardson's merlin and the burrowing owl, and a major collecting trip to the Clearwater River area was undertaken. The story and themes for the proposed Life Sciences Gallery were finalized and design work on the gallery began with the development of a floor plan and an outline of exhibit content.

Conservation Unit

Staff contributed to gallery redevelopment through the construction of mounts for palaeontological specimens and the treatment of 165 objects scheduled for display in the First Nations Gallery. The unit assumed a leadership role in the restoration of the museum following the fire, and much of the credit for the reopening of the Earth Sciences Gallery belongs to the conservators.

Museum of Natural History Associates

The Museum of Natural History Associates, whose membership increased by 55 to 160 individuals and families in 1989/90, developed two new programs. The highly successful ***Megamunch Club*** offered monthly activities for children

aged three to 12, plus a subscription to the club's bimonthly newsletter, ***MegaNews***. A series of educational programs, including workshops and field trips, were given for adult members by curatorial and conservation staff.

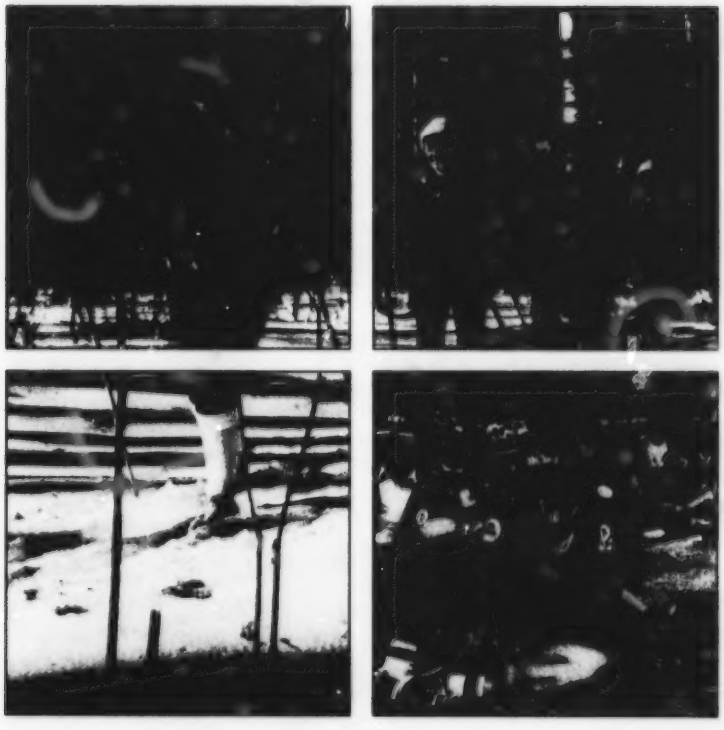
Many Associates also served as volunteer workers in a variety of museum programs. During the year they volunteered a total of 2,216 hours.

Government House Historic Property

Serving as a museum, meeting facility and the offices of the Lieutenant Governor, Government House Historic Property received about 35,000 visitors in 1989/90. Educational programs for children and special events at Christmas and Halloween were popular as was the play "The Trial of Louis Riel".

A highlight of the year was the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York. They attended a private luncheon hosted by Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Fedoruk on July 25, 1989.

Sport and Recreation



Sport and Recreation

Sport and recreation are integral to the physical, mental and social well-being of ail Saskatchewan residents. They provide an arena for skill development, competition, leisure and entertainment that enriches our lives.

Besides enhancing the quality of life of Saskatchewan citizens, sport and recreation contribute to the provincial economy. It is estimated that more than $525 million is spent annually on sport and recreational pursuits and that more than 1,000 jobs are directly related to sport and recreation.

The department promotes an understanding and appreciation of the importance of sport and recreation at all levels and encourages opportunities for, and access to, all sport and recreation programs by Saskatchewan residents of all ages and abilities. The department delivers sport and recreation programs and provides consultative, educational, technical and financial support through eight zones, 23 regions, 75 provincial sport governing bodies and 800 municipal groups.

Sport Section

Saskatchewan Games Program

Melville hosted a very successful Saskatchewan Winter Games in February, 1990. A total of 1,900 athletes, managers, coaches and mission staff from eight zones participated in 15 sports, making these the largest Saskatchewan Winter Games to date.

Sask First Program

A joint effort between the department and Sask Sport Inc., this program assisted provincial sport governing bodies to develop programs to significantly improve athletes' performances at Canada Games and other national competitions. Support was available for full time coaching, athlete/team and officials development, hosting and sport science. During the year, the department assisted some 70 coaches, 5,000 athletes and 100 officials. The program was extended for another four-year period, from 1990 to 1994.

Saskatchewan Athlete Assistance

The department provided financial assistance, in co-operation with Sask Sport Inc., to Saskatchewan high performance athletes for training and competition costs. Technical assistance was provided by provincial sport governing bodies. During the year, more than $360,000 was granted to 500 Saskatchewan elite athletes.

High Performance Training Centre Program

The department provided $85,000 to four nationally-designated sport training centres in Saskatchewan, including the Women's National Volleyball Training Centre in Regina, Multiple Events Track and Field Centre in Saskatoon, Regional Swimming Training Centre in Saskatoon and Men's Gymnastics Regional Training Centre in Saskatoon.

National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)

The NCCP is a collaborative program of the federal government, the provincial and territorial governments, national, provincial,

and territorial sports organizations and the Coaching Association of Canada. It promotes and conducts a five-level educational program for coaches at all levels in 60 sports. More than 19,000 coaches are registered in NCCP in Saskatchewan.

Provincial Coaches Grant Program

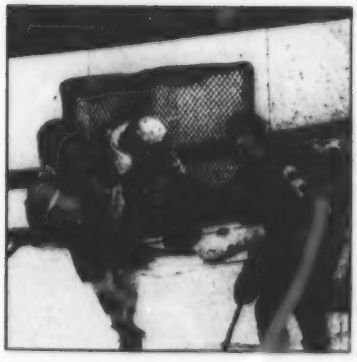
The department provided grants totalling $17,000 to each of 14 provincial sport governing bodies to employ a provincial coach to upgrade coaches in their specific sport.

Provincial Hosting Grant

The department provided 41 hosting grants totalling $63,533 to provincial sport governing bodies to host national and regional competitions in Saskatchewan.

International Sport Exchange Program

The department continued negotiations with Jilin, China on the future exchanges of high performance coaches in a variety of sports, based on the "Third Plan of Action."



Drug Education and Awareness

The department is committed to drug-free athletic competition. During the year, in co-operation with the Sport Medicine Council of Saskatchewan, the department delivered a drug education and awareness program. The program provided athletes, coaches and parents with information about the effects and ethics of a variety of performance enhancing substances, as well as drug testing protocols in high performance competitions. The program, piloted in conjunction with the Canada Games, will be made more widely available to people involved in other sports during 1990/91.

Zone Section

The department maintains seven full time sport and recreation consultants in zone offices throughout the province, as well as support services in three other centres.

The consultants work directly with communities, regional associations, the zone sport councils, and in some cases, provincial organizations.

During the year, zone staff were involved in a number of special projects, including:

- Zone Sport Co-ordinator's Seminar
- Economic Impact Study
- "Learn To" Program
- Sport and Recreation Strategy Paper Review
- Provincial Association of Zone Sport Councils
- Native Role Model Pilot
- Recreation Director Salary Review
- Saskatchewan Games Handbook Committee
- Provincial Sport Governing Bodies Awareness Project
- Zone Sport Council Corporate Marketing Package
- Senior Games Liaison
- Saskatchewan Games Liaison

Northern Sport and Recreation

The development of sport, culture and recreation program opportunities that meet the unique needs and environment of northern Saskatchewan residents, continues to be a high priority with the department.

The public input process leading to the final draft of the ***Northern Strategy for Sport, Culture and Recreation - Direction for the '90s*** was completed. This document will direct the department in meeting future sport, culture and recreation needs of northerners.

Action on the strategy began during the year with department funding for the staging of a most successful 1989 Northern Saskatchewan Summer Games and Cultural Festival hosted by the northern village of Beauval.

Continuing department support for the Northern Recreation Co-ordinating Committee Inc. (the representative organization for northern Saskatchewan recreation issues) resulted in the following successful projects during 1989/90:

- 1990 Volunteer Recognition Banquet
- 1990 Northern Recreation Conference
- Keewatin Junior "C" Hockey League
- Ski Fit North
- Arena Operator's Course

Recreation Section

City Services Seminar

The department held its annual City Services Seminar for senior parks and recreation officials from Saskatchewan's 12 cities in Humboldt. The seminar provided a forum for city representatives to express concerns and share ideas regarding sport and recreation.

Provincial Hosting Grants

Provincial Hosting Grants totalling $4,176 assisted four provincial recreation associations to host national and regional events in Saskatchewan. Grants included the Saskatchewan Air Cadets, Ski Patrol, Royal Life Saving Society, Girl Guides, Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program, Saskatchewan Recreational Facilities Association and Saskatchewan Physical Education Association.

Provincial Senior Games

The department provided organizational assistance and funding amounting to $30,000 for the staging of the second Fifty-five Plus Games to be held in Prince Albert in July 1990. Up to 500 participants are expected to compete in 15 events.

Skills Program for Management Volunteers

This federal-provincial-territorial program provided training opportunities to management volunteers of recreation, sport and cultural organizations at the community, provincial and national

levels. Department staff implemented the program throughout Saskatchewan and worked with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and La Commission Culturelle Fransaskoise to deliver management/leadership workshops. The department was involved in developing an Organizational Effectiveness Resource component to the program aimed at improving skills of municipal, non-profit, government, educational and business consultants.

Fitness

The department distributed fitness information and worked co-operatively with the fitness advisory committee to the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association to promote fitness as a part of a healthy lifestyle. The department also worked with other government departments and the Saskatchewan Seniors Fitness Association and the Standing Interprovincial Co-ordinating Committee on Aging to identify issues of concern to seniors.

The department also co-operated with Fitness Canada on initiatives such as "Fitweek" and the publication, ***Blueprints for Action for Youth and Older Adults***.

The department developed and initiated the Fitness and Lifestyles Secretariat and chairs this committee to co-ordinate government fitness initiatives. Other government departments on this committee are Health, Education and the Seniors' Secretariat.

The department, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Dairy Foundation, implemented phase two of "Project Apex" in 150 grade five classrooms across Saskatchewan in the spring of 1990. "Project Apex" is a fitness and nutrition self-evaluation program.

Seniors' Fitness and Lifestyle Research Project

With support from the department, the Faculty of Physical Activity Studies at the University of Regina initiated a research project which focused on the fitness levels and activity patterns of older adults in Saskatchewan. One hundred adults from ages 65 to 74 took part in the fitness portion which will assess participants in 14 separate fitness measures. Approximately 3,200 older adults are participating in the second part of the study which is examining their leisure and activity patterns.

The study, once completed in 1990/91, will provide a framework for more proactive policy development and more specific targeting of programs and services for older adults in Saskatchewan.

Integrative Recreation Grant Projects

During the year, 42 organizations received $32,685 in grants to encourage participation by disabled persons in recreational activities. For example, the Tamarack Foundation was assisted with Camp Tamarack, a residential summer school/camp for learning disabled youths. The Adapted Aquatics Association received assistance for a water orientation and skill development program for youths with learning and motor disabilities. Ski for Light

(Canada) Inc. provided 37 visually impaired people with the opportunity to participate in a ski event in North Battleford.

Provincial Support Grant

Provincial Support Grants totalling $147,000 were made to Youth Unlimited of Regina and the Boys and Girls Clubs in Saskatoon and North Battleford. The grants provide administrative core funding for these organizations which make significant contributions to the development of recreation for youth and disadvantaged groups.

Volunteer Recognition Awards Program

The department recognized 72 volunteers for their contribution in administration and delivery of sport, recreation, culture and heritage activities in Saskatchewan. Volunteer Recognition Awards ceremonies were held in Stoughton, Regina, Assiniboia, Yorkton, Strasbourg, Saskatoon, North Battleford, Prince Albert and La Ronge. The department provided grants totalling $17,000 to zone planning committees to host the events.

Support Services

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The Support Services Branch provides ongoing support for the achievement of the overall goals of the department. Responsibilities include a broad range of programs and services including financial management, facilities grants, property/asset management, the information/resource centre and communications.

The de-amalgamation of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture in October 1989 led to the formation of a management plan to establish the Support Services Branch for the newly constituted Department of Culture, Multiculturalism and Recreation.

Communication and service links were established between this department and Parks and Renewable Resources for a number of shared services.

Community Cultural/ Recreational Facilities Grant Program

The Community Cultural/ Recreational Facilities Grant Program was announced as a six-year (1989-1995), $32.6 million program. The program encourages and assists communities to construct new or renovate existing buildings for cultural and recreational activities. Funding is a combination of lottery and departmental funds. This program will stimulate over $100 million of economic activity in the province.

In 1989/90, the department processed grant payments totalling $2.5 million.

Resource Centre

The Resource Centre provides professional library services to the department, as well as to Parks and Renewable Resources (PRR), Sask Sport Inc., the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and the Saskatchewan Council of Cultural Organizations (SCCO). Services provided include online searching, reference circulation and inter-library lending. A database consists of records for specialized client-related material.

During the year, technical services included managing a Union Catalogue project integrating the records of holdings from the department's and PRR's collections, as well as six small collections held throughout the SCCO. The Resource Centre handled 533 inter-library loans, 120 on-line searches and 530 reference requests, and circulated 2,928 items.

Communications

Involvement of the Communications Section throughout the department contributed to increased awareness of the new department and its programs. The unit worked closely with all branches to develop communications and public relations programs. Its activities included writing, designing and producing a full range of information materials, maintaining media liaison, supervising work of outside creative and production agencies and organizing special events.

During 1989/90, major communications programs were undertaken for hosting the Canada Summer Games in Saskatoon, the Saskatchewan Winter Games in Melville, the Northern Saskatchewan Games and Cultural Festival in Beauval, the opening of the Earth Science Gallery at the Museum of Natural History, phase two of Project Apex, and the announcement of the Arts Strategy Task Force and the

Heritage 2000 paper. The Communications Section also planned and began work on a new client newsletter, ***CMR Scene***, for distribution in the fall of 1990.

In addition, the section assisted in the promotion of the province's Volunteer Recognition Program, the Seniors' Fitness and Lifestyles Research Project, Lifestyles '90 Expo in Regina and Saskatoon, and the Canada Games Festival in Saskatoon.

1989/90 Grants

The City of Saskatoon with respect to the repayment of principal and interest on loans from Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation for the construction of Saskatchewan Place	$1,963,633
The Saskatchewan Arts Board	1,904,400
The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts	500,000
The City of Saskatoon with respect to a deficit incurred in the operation of the Saskatchewan Centennial Auditorium	300,000
The Western Development Museum	1,175,000
Arts, Multiculturalism, Heritage and Museums Programs	816,724
Sport and Recreation Programs	709,920
Community Cultural/Recreational Facilities Grant Program	1,499,915
The Saskatchewan Archives Board	1,300,200
Total Grants	**$10,169,792**